

**POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008
7:00 p.m. – 7:32:45 p.m.**

ATTENDEES:

**Susan Rogers – Council Liaison
Timothy Ferrie - Member
James Hoffmaster - Member
Dawn Wagner - Member
Ellie Milewski – Member
Greg Zyry – Member
Joanne Goetting – Member
John Kaklamanis
Liz Hirschel – Committee Secretary**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Leitner – Member of the Public

- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Roll Call taken.

(Susan Rogers)

The Chairman and Council President Roger Pyrtko is unable to attend this evening, so I will be filling in for him.....

- Statement of the Chairperson

This regular meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee was called to order by the Liaison and is held under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act; please be advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public by posting of this notice in the Borough Hall and advertised in two newspapers, which are “The Ocean Star” and “The Observer”.

(Susan Rogers)

We need an approval of the February 25 and March 24, 2008 Minutes of the Meeting. Did everybody have a chance to review them, and did you receive them via email?

(Members)

Yes.....

(Susan Rogers)

Any comments? We can take them 1 at a time....I did make changes to Liz's February Meeting with regards to people's titles, she had individual people listed as council people and committee people as council members, and there were noted changes that I had as to specific people like, Scott Conklin who was recognized as budget, so I made some minor changes that I asked her to incorporate it. Did anyone else have any other comments? May I have a Motion to approve the February Minutes? All in favor

(Members)

I.....

(Susan Rogers)

Any opposed? Motion carries....Any comments on the March 24, 2008 Minutes of the Meeting? I was not here.

(Members)

No.....

(Susan Rogers)

Ok. Motion to approve the Minutes for March 24. Can I have a second?....All in favor.....

(Members)

I.....

(Susan Rogers)

Any opposed? Motion carries... Ok we can get right into the Committee Reports, we can start with

- **Osborn Cemetery**

(Greg Zyry)

Prior to our next step when Richard Morris gets back from vacation, we are going to continue work on getting the fence and stone done.

(Susan Rogers)

OK. I know Council did approve the fencing and the monument, and I believe it's just waiting for final resolution which has to be signed off on and since there were 3 bids, I'm sure we can go out to bid on that. You may want to follow up with David Maffei on that.

(Greg Zyry)

I was over there on Saturday and there's still one large tree that snapped in half which I cut up next to someone's property. I called Jude Walker this afternoon and he is going to get over there this weekend to pick up the piles of roots and brush that I have there.

(Susan Rogers)

Did they finalize the survey work?

(Greg Zyry)

Yes. They have the survey worked out. I guess there is one fence that is like 6 feet on our property.

(Susan Rogers)

Is Rich going to get a copy of it to Mayor and Council, so we can get it to Jerry Gatsby?

(Greg Zyry)

Yes, he will not be back for about 10 days, so when he gets back from vacation, we are going to work on all this stuff.

(Susan Rogers)

We should get it over to Jerry because if there are encroachment issues, the Borough attorney should notify the respective property owners.

(Greg Zyry)

I believe there is a building that has to be moved.

(Susan Rogers)

Which one the shed?

(Timothy Ferrie)

Maybe, I will go by tomorrow to see if they have it or not and I will drop it off.

(Susan Rogers)

If you don't mind dropping it off to David that would be great? Then if you can call me and let me know, I can follow up to make sure that Jerry gets it, so he can send the notices out to the property owners about the encroachments. Oh and did they identify the corners?

(Greg Zyry)

Yes, they did. All six are identified.

(Susan Rogers)

I don't know if everyone knows, but Fred Bryant is not doing well right now. He is having problems with walking and moving his arm and hand. So Greg you can do some of the follow up on the.....

- Canal Walk **Project**.

(Greg Zyry)

I talked to Leah and she said basically most of the paperwork is done, and said the next step if we decide to do it, is to go and get approval and a permit from the Army Corp. of Engineers, which is the first step, then after that we will have to get funding or grant money to start the project.

(Susan Rogers)

Did Leah give you the final budget projections aside from the numbers that were presented by Jeremiah at the Open Public Meeting?

(Greg Zyry)

No.

(Susan Rogers)

Maybe we need to follow up with that, so everyone here can have a working copy of the budget to discuss at the next meeting, if we want to recommend to Mayor and Council to move forward with the Canal Project, and to attempt to look at our grant options, especially once the Open Space Plan is completed. This will give us an opportunity for additional funding. I have a pending Trails Grant that is not going to be awarded until August, but that is a \$25,000 grant. We have already received 3 calls on it asking questions, which is a good sign that they are paying attention to the application.....By the way Tim, did you do the site walk with Brian that day?

(Timothy Ferrie)

No, I didn't.

(Susan Rogers)

He has a contact with the Army Corp. gentleman that was there. He said that Irv Brown had all the information and that he turned it over to Brian, but Brian doesn't know where it is at the moment. Do you have any contacts there that we can reach out to? Because

what we should do, is get on the phone with them, because they physically did a walk thru and they had some concerns with certain areas and retaining walls, but on the whole they were happy, and said they would support our efforts with moving forward, so as soon as I can get a letter of endorsement which is going to be key when I go to get that \$25,000 grant. So anything you can do to help me with that will be great.

(Timothy Ferrie)

I will personally call and talk to Tom Kramer, so he can put me in touch with the appropriate person we need to speak to for our district.

(Susan Rogers)

And basically they said....if we are looking to them for money we can forget it. But we said we weren't and that's OK, because there are other grant opportunities for trails, like hundreds of thousands of dollars, and once the Open Space Plan is pulled into place and Council approves it, this will give us more leverage for another 75 % of funding.

(Greg Zyry)

Maybe we could do this project in a few stages.

(Susan Rogers)

It could be phased in. The \$25,000 grant started at Canal Park the one we already have title to and there is a \$10,000 match. That is what we used for the offset on the match. You know the trust fund set up for there. I think it has a lot of potential and they have called us 3 times on that. So I know that they are interested. Another thing they wanted to know was whether kayaks or canoes would have an entrance somewhere along the trail and we do.

(Timothy Ferrie)

In the canal?

(Susan Rogers)

Not in the canal, but coming off of River Front Park and that ties and flows through the entire trail spectrum of where we were looking to go with the actual walk.

(Timothy Ferrie)

I thought the walk was going to be on the other side of the canal?

(Greg Zyry)

That way we could come up Route 88 Bridge and wrap it into River Front Park.

(Susan Rogers)

I want to get you TRC'S, actual presentations, so when you see the layout and the loop that they were looking to incorporate. I think we can legitimately offer them an opportunity for the kayaks and canoes. Then I will follow up with that. Is there anything else on that?

(Greg Zyry)

No, I believe that's it.

- **Budget**

(Susan Rogers)

I wasn't here at the last meeting. I was covering for BTMUA. Has anybody picked up on the Budget process? Has anybody been assigned or re-appointed to the Budget Committee? Is there anybody here who would like to be appointed to the Budget Committee? Scott and I were supposed to be working on the proposed budget and that is going into the 08-09 funding. So does anybody want to pop in on that.....anybody? Tim? OK, I don't know if I need a Motion to move, and I need a chair, because I can not be the chair. So we are going to have to put Tim as the Chair of the Budget Committee to replace Scott Conklin and I don't know if Scott has provided you with any paperwork on the budget?

(Several Members)

No.... nothing.

(Susan Rogers)

OK. I will email him because he had a bunch of working documents that he had received from Fred Bryant with proposals for the cemetery. We had taken a vote in which we were going to present back to Council, on how they wanted to use the remaining 07 budget money from the current trust fund, because it was reserving for the cemetery project and just reserving for any future projects. And it wouldn't be used to pay down any debt. So I will get that forwarded to you, and then we can continue out talks.

(Timothy Ferrie)

OK.

(Susan Rogers)

Great, now let's move on too...

- **Dead Ends**

(Ellie Milewski)

Oh, we have plenty of them. Among the Environmental Commission, the Boy Scouts are always looking for something so I am going to give them the original list that I got from here and give it to Chris Constantino and let him make some Boy Scout decisions. They are always to looking to clean up, build and do other things. As far as I know the only dead end that is valuable and worth selling is the one on Rue Mirador. It's really a great piece of property and I would like to see us do something with it.

(Susan Rogers)

OK. The next thing I have on the agenda is the Open Space Plan. We have 5 separate packages that are still remaining for site work evaluation, which I just handed out to Joanne, Dawn and John. I was going to make 2 sets of them. This is the remaining last site work that needs to get back to Brownfield to tie out the plans, so we can make the presentation to the Planning Board. She was hoping to do this for May 15. It might be a little aggressive and I'm not sure that we can get on the Agenda. It will depend on how quickly everyone can get back to me with the information so that I can get it to her. But realistically, I think it will fall on the June Planning Board. Simultaneously Mayor and Council will then get the final draft proposal to review, and it will also go to the Borough attorney as well for comments. And at that point Mayor and Council can take action on it. We are hoping to have the final approved Open Space Plan in place by July, we will also then at that point be able to submit for our final funding for the grant to get the money back to the Borough for doing the plan, and then obviously it will open us up for additional percentages on Green Acre funding for the future. So the goal is to shoot for July, so as soon as you guys can get that back to me, it would be great..... Nothing has changed on the categories or ratings from the last Open Public Session when we were putting the point system in place and then setting those parameters. She should have an updated version on the website very soon. You might want to take a look at that for any last minute tweaking or comments. So then you will want to get on the phone or email Leah as soon as possible.....Is there any other comments on the Open Space Plan at this point? OK. Let's move on to.....

- **New Business**

(Susan Rogers)

Anybody have any?

(John Kaklamanis)

The park is being worked on again. Just in regards to the River Front Park, I talked to Bob Forsythe today and basically because I was away last week, I know he had some questions about the fence/gate. There was a mention about 5 openings as pedestrian walk thru's for people.

(Susan Rogers)

I don't know where that came from.

(John Kaklamanis)

Oh good you saw that. Bob is going to check everything and he is going to have something back for me because he is going to call Eagle Construction.

(Susan Rogers)

Did you look at the plans? Were there more than 2? I thought there was going to be 1 coming off of River, and 1 coming from Maxum? Now they have 5 more openings?

(John Kaklamanis)

I'm not sure, but I think they were figuring 3 car openings, and then on the beach 2 walk ups which would = 5. But either way Bob Forsythe was going to look into that. And then there was some discussion about the gates and how they were going to open and how they would swing in and out.

(Susan Rogers)

If you recall the original plans had no fencing at all. Do you remember that?

(Timothy Ferrie)

Yeah, except by the condos.

(John Kaklamanis)

Yeah, but the question is if you are going to have the drive thru why can't we just leave them open? Because then somehow or another, somebody from Eagle said they could be motorized.

(Susan Rogers)

Is that part of the bid?

(John Kaklamanis)

No. Plus I figured if you have motorized gates and somebody breaks it, there will be a lot of.....

(Greg Zyry)

Maintenance....

(John Kaklamanis)

So he was going to bring it to the attention of Victor or Tracy of Eagle Construction.

(Dawn Wagner)

So why did they decide to put a fence around it?

(Ellie Milewski)

Because that fence has been there.

(Timothy Ferrie)

I thought that it was coming down?

(Susan Rogers)

No, they talked about keeping it up.

(John Kaklamanis)

So the 3 drive thru's will be over on Maxim where the cabinets are going to be. Now Bob was saying the one opening on River Road is going to have to be modified and moved to the right from where it is.

(Ellie Milewski)

Why does it have to be moved? Then there's the one by the shack.

(John Kaklamanis)

I don't know. That's another subject he is going to talk about. Then we went over the lighting and the different variations of fixtures. Because Waters Edge has changed their lighting, and it is supposed to be all the same down the boardwalk including the sculptures, as well as the globes that were hanging off the boardwalk need to be tamper proof to avoid any vandalism.

(Timothy Ferrie)

I thought we decided all this already? This was all done. Nobody should be touching this. That is already budgeted for. I was a part of those meetings when I was sitting on the Council.

(Susan Rogers)

I know there is a lighting plan and I thought it was part of the design and incorporated into the specifications?

(John Kaklamanis)

I know and I think we need to call and look into this some more to get a better understanding and find out where all these questions are coming from.

(Ellie Milewski)

Well we haven't said anything.

(Susan Rogers)

Why isn't Eagle Construction following the plans? Have you talked to Eagle Construction directly?

(John Kaklamanis)

I talked to Eagle Construction about 2 or 3 weeks ago about the delays and that is when it came up about the Remington Vernick and the change in CMX. So Bob said that at the next meeting all the questions and answers will be resolved.

(Ellie Milewski)

Why would they stop a project for a month? They probably ran out of money.

(John Kaklamanis)

Something about fine turning the paperwork and I'm not going to get into money issues with them.

(Susan Rogers)

Or they jumped on another project.

(Timothy Ferrie)

Let me give you an example. The problem we had when we were building Community Park was that the company that was awarded the bid, they subbed out a lot of the work to sub contractors and we had a problem with the County when we were putting in the storm drain. So then everyone started pointing the finger at each other and they didn't want to line up their sub contractors until they knew they could get a lot done and we were stagnated because they didn't have the sub contractors on line.

(John Kaklamanis)

In any case, if I don't hear from Bob by Thursday or Friday, I will give him a call.

(Open discussion with all Members – about fencing, credits and costs in deviation)

(Timothy Ferrie)

All I would like to say is please be careful with flipping this around and changing things, because it could potentially cause major problems, like the one we had with the Cultural Affairs Committee when we flipped the playground and on paper it looked good, but by changing things we caused the problem ourselves and we messed up the drainage.

(Susan Rogers)

Well, we don't have to worry about that, because we do not have any proposed changes to the plan. That is why we have engineers working out there..... OK. Is there any other comments or new business? No. OK. May I have a Motion to Adjourn please...

(Greg Zyry)

Motion to Adjourn.

(Ellie Milewski)

Second

(Susan Rogers)

All in favor?

(All Members)

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